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HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
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To: Home Health Agencies
Regional Administrators
CSO Administrators
Managed Care Organizations

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Subject: Home Health Services: Fee Schedule Updates

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2007, the Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) will implement a change in payment methodology from Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) to Core Based Statistical Areas (CBSAs) for the Home Health program.

What is changing?

For calendar year (CY) 2007, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has changed the payment methodology for Home Health Agencies from Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) to Core-Based Statistical Areas (CBSA). During CY 2006, CMS used MSA and CBSA methodologies for their calculations. However, since Hospice and other programs overlap with Home Health, HRSA has changed its payment methodology to CBSAs.

Visit HRSA's web site at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/RBRVS/Index.html> to view the new fee schedule, effective July 1, 2007.

Bill HRSA your usual and customary charge.

How do I conduct business electronically with HRSA?

You may conduct business electronically with HRSA by accessing the WAMedWeb at <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

How can I get HRSA's provider documents?

To obtain DSHS/HRSA provider numbered memoranda and billing instruction, go to the DSHS/HRSA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click *the Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link). These may be downloaded and printed.